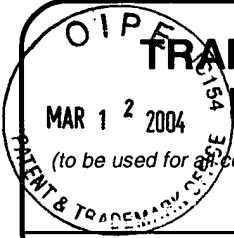


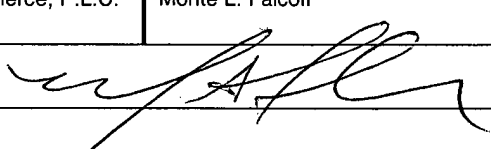
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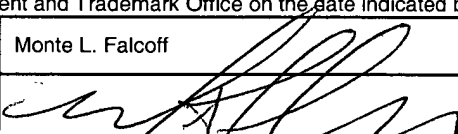
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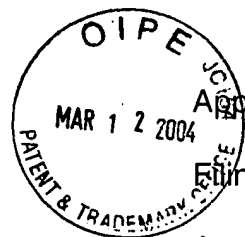
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. XXX Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. ____ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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C. XXX Because the present application was/is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications which are listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i). Any foreign patent documents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.

D. _____ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. XXX Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. XXX A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. _____ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:

2. XXX English translations are provided for: DE 4316485 A1 (Abstract)
62-120222 (Abstract)
2-144226 (Abstract)
DE 3816060 A
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3. XXX Other: European Patent No. 00494366 A2 appears to show a convertible hard top roof and back window.

European Patent No. 0261379 A2 appears to show a convertible hard top roof.

Swiss Patent No. CH 650980 appears to disclose a roof having at least a rigid section that can be rotatably or slidably stowed into an automotive vehicle.

German Patent No. DE 3416286 appears to disclose a convertible roof that can be foldably stowed within an automotive vehicle.

German Patent No. DE 9108242 appears to disclose a convertible roof linkage system for foldably stowing a roof within an automotive vehicle.

German Patent No. DE 4445580 C1 appears to show a convertible hard top roof, roof linkage mechanism and trunk lid mechanism.

German Patent No. DE 19532568 C1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof and tonneau cover linkage mechanism.

German Patent No. DE 19518071 A1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof and tonneau cover linkage mechanism.

German Patent No. DE 19532567 C1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof and tonneau cover linkage mechanism.

German Patent No. DE 4445941 C1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof stowable into a trunk.

German Patent No. DE 4445944 C1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof stowable into a trunk.

German Patent No. DE 4446483 A1 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof stowable into a trunk.

German Patent No. DE 3733892 A appears to disclose removable stowable rigid roof sections.

German Patent No. 3635887 A1 appears to show a rigid roof that folds into the vehicle's trunk.

German Patent No. 3635373 appears to disclose a pair of rigid roof panels that fold into the vehicle's trunk.

Belgian Patent No. 493,260 appears to show a retractable hardtop roof movable in combination with a track into a trunk.

Japanese Patent No. 2-144226 appears to show a hardtop convertible roof, a tonneau cover and a package tray.

French Patent No. 1049026 appears to show a multi-section hardtop convertible roof and backlite.

German Patent No. DE 43 24 708 A1 appears to show a hard-top convertible roof and track mechanism.

German Patent No. DE 44 31 656 C1 appears to show a folding hard-top convertible roof.

German Patent No. DE 44 38 190 C1 appears to show a folding hard-top convertible roof.

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German Patent No. DE 44 45 920 A1 appears to show a folding hard-top convertible roof.

German Patent No. DE 195 14 022 C1 appears to show a folding hard-top convertible roof.

German Patent No. DE 195 17 063 C1 appears to show a hard-top convertible roof stowed into a trunk.

German Patent No. DE 43 20 603 A1 appears to show a folding hard-top convertible roof.

German Patent No. 64638: Great Britain Patent No. 455,769 appears to be an English language equivalent.

Japanese Patent No. 3-273977 A appears to show a hood 2 is opened, its rear end part is brought up while rotating the hood 2 around a pin 22, a first link 12 pivotally supported thereby is moved upward, and a second link 13 connected to the link 12 is also rotated upward with the pin 20 as a support point. Consequently, a push-up pin 21 protruded on the second link 13 is slid and guided by a guide channel 24 cut in a guide member 24 in the lower divided link 27 of a third link 14 while circularly moving clockwise upward with the pin 20 as a support point, and the third link 14 is extended. Thus, the upper end support points of the first link 12 and the third link 14 are moved upward while moving counterclockwise, and consequently the rear end part of the hood 2 is moved upward subsidiarily to the opening operation of the hood 2.

C. XXX The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration. The references applied by the Examiner in the parent application appear somewhat more relevant than the other references cited. However, the Examiner is requested to review all of the cited references and make his/her own relevancy determination.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. XXX The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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VII. STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.704(d)

The undersigned hereby states that:

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VIII. PAYMENT OF FEES (check only one box)

A. ____ A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed for the above-identified fee.

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The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Furthermore, this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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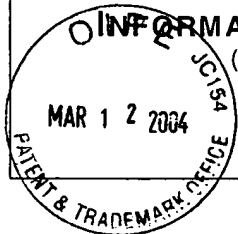
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21.		2,768,024	5/1956	Spear, Jr.		

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32.		1 505 474	7/1969	Germany		X	
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2.		Alfa Romeo Spider Rht / 2001
3.		Audi Quattro Roadster / 1984-1987 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
4.		Bentley Retractable Hardtop / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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8.		Cadillac Allanté Charisma / 1994 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
9.		Cadillac Evoq / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
10.		C&C Intrigue / 1990 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
11.		Chevrolet SSR / 2000 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
12.		Chevrolet Corvette Retractable Hardtop / 1958 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
13.		Chrysler Thunderbolt / 1941 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
14.		Chrysler Dart / 1957 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
15.		Chrysler Phaeton / 1997 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
16.		Citroën 15 Six / 1950 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
17.		Citroën 11 Légère / 1952 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
18.		Daihatsu Kopen / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
19.		Daihatsu Kopen / 2001
20.		Edsel Retractable Hardtop / 1958 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)

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22.		Ferrari Testarossa St. Tropez / 1992 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
23.		Fiat Punto Wish / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
24.		Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner / 1957 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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26.		Ford Galaxie Skyliner / 1959 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
27.		Ford Mustang Restro-mod / 1964 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
28.		Ford Mustang Retractable Hardtop / 1964 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
29.		Ford Mustang Retractable Hardtop / 1966 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
30.		Ford Focus Cabriolet Retractable Hardtop / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
31.		Gaylord Gladiator / 1955-1956 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
32.		Heuliez Raffica / 1992 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
33.		Heuliez Hardtop Intruder / 1998 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
34.		Heuliez Retractable 2 / 2000 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)

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36.		Honda Argento Vivo / 1995 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
37.		Hudson Super Six / 1922 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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39.		Isuzu VX-02 / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
40.		Karmann Coupé-Cabrio / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
41.		Keinath GT/R / 1996-200x (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
42.		Lada Roadster / 2000 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
43.		Lancia Belna Éclipse / 1934 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
44.		Lexus Sport Coupé / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
45.		Lexus SC430 / 2000-200x (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
46.		Mercedes-Benz Magic Top / 1984-1987 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
47.		Mercedes-Benz SLK Paris / 1994 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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51.		Michalak Corsaspider / 1984-1988 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
52.		Mitsubishi Colt Aiolia / 1988 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
53.		Mitsubishi 3000 GT Spyder / 1994-1996 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
54.		Mohs Safarikar / 1972-1975 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
55.		Nissan Luc-2 / 1985 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
56.		Nissan 300 ZX / 1992 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
57.		Nissan Silvia Varietta / 1999 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
58.		Oldsmobile F-88 MK3 / 1959 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
59.		Paxton / 1951 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
60.		Peugeot 301 Éclipse / 1934 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
61.		Peugeot 601c Éclipse / 1934 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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63.		Peugeot 401d Éclipse / 1934-1935 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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65.		Peugeot 402 Éclipse Électrique / 1935-1936 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
66.		Peugeot 402 Éclipse Mécanique / 1936-1938 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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68.		Peugeot 402b Éclipse Mécanique / 1938-1939 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
69.		Peugeot 106 Spider / 1992 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
70.		Peugeot 20 2 / 1998 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
71.		Peugeot Crisalys / 1998 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
72.		Peugeot 607 Paladine / 2000 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
73.		Peugeot 206 CC / 2000-200x (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
74.		Peugeot 206 CC Ciel Bleu / 2001
75.		Playboy / 1947-1951 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
76.		Scimitar Hard-Top Convertible / 1959 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)

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78.		Suzuki C2 / 1997 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
79.		Toyota MRJ / 1995 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
80.		Toyota Soarer / 2000-200x (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
81.		Treser T1 / 1987-198x (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
82.		Valmet Boreal / 1997 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
83.		Volvo C70 Hatric / 2001 (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
84.		Volvo Lowrider / 19xx (believed to have been offered for sale, publicly used, and/or published prior to the filing date of this application)
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87.		Automotive Industries, February 1990, page 75, showing "C & C Intrigue"
88.		Automotive Revue, September 5, 1991, cover page and page 29 (including English translation)
89.		Car Styling 86, January 1992, cover page and pages 64-67 (including English translation)
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